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- 1. REFTELS SUMMARIZE RECOMMENDATIONS OF DEA SPECIAL AGENT JOSEPH SALM AND EMBASSY COMMENTS THEREON AFTER SALM TDY FOR STUDY OF GOE NARCOTICS CONTROL PROGRAM. MARCH 14-17 VISIT TO ALEXANDRIA BY USS BLAKELY HIGHLIGHTS POTENTIALLY SERIOUS PROBLEM REGARDING DRUG CONTROL (SPECIFICALLY HASHISH) AS IT AFFECTS US NAVY PERSONNEL DURING PORT VISITS.
- 2. CAPTIAN OF BLAKELY, ALUSNA AND OTHER OBSERVERS HAVE COMMENTED TO CONSUL GENERAL ON EXTREMELY EASY ACCESS LOCALLY TO HASHISH AND BRAZEN OFFERS FOR SALE TO LIBERTY PERSONNEL. EXTREME LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EXAMPLES INCLUDED OFFER OF HASHISH FOR SALE ALONGSIDE BLAKELY BY OPERATOR OF GARBAGE SCOW AND OPEN EXHIBITION OF HASHISH CUBES AND SOLICITATION OF RETURNING LEAVE PERSONNEL BY HAWKER AT PIER HEAD AS MEN LEFT BUSSES.

3. OBVIOUSLY EVEN MODICUM OF POLICE SURVEILLANCE COULD HAVE HALTED THAT KIND OF TRAFFIC.

- 4. ALUSNA AND CONSUL GENERAL ARE CONCERNED (AS WERE OFFICERS ABOARD BLAKELY) THAT PROBLEM WILL MULTIPLY MANYFOLD IF PLANNED FUTURE VISIT OF MAJOR SIXTH FLEET UNIT PUTS OVER FIVE THOUSAND US SAILORS ASHORE.
- 5. SUBJECT TO VIEWS OF ADDRESSEES, CONSUL GENERAL INTENDS CONSULT SOON WITH COLONEL ABDEL HADI, HEAD OF FOREIGNERS' POLICE, AND GENERAL BASSAM GHEISS, REGIONAL DIRECTOR OF SECURITY. AFTER DESCRIBING EXPERIENCE OF MOST RECENT SHIP VISIT, CONSUL GENERAL PLANS TO SUGGEST THAT A FEW DAYS PRIOR TO NEXT SHIP VISIT, WE WILL INFORM LOCAL SECURITY OFFICIALS WHO COULD THEN COORDINATE ONE OF THEIR PERIODIC CRACKDOWNS ON LOCAL HASHISH TRADERS, SWEEPING A NUMBER OFF THE STREETS AND HOPEFULLY SCARING MORE INTO HIDING FOR A FEW DAYS OF USN SHIP VISIT.
- 6. IN VIEW LARGE NUMBER OF LEAVE PERSONNEL FROM ANY MAJOR FLEET UNIT WHO MIGHT BE SUBJECT TO TEMPTATION, WE SUGGEST USN CONSIDER USE OF "SNIFFER DOG" AT SHIPSIDE AND INDOCTRINATION PROGRAM FOR PERSONNEL PRIOR TO ARRIVAL ALEXANDRIA. KNOWLEDGE OF DETERMINATION TO LIMIT OR STOP HASHISH COMING ABOARD MAY DEPRESS CURRENT BUOYANT MARKET.

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